

**PATENT APPLICATION**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Yasuhiro OMURA and Yutaka ICHIHARA

Application No.: Rule 53(b) Divisional of 10/310,780 filed December 6, 2002

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Docket No.: 105198.04

For: PROJECTION EXPOSURE APPARATUS AND METHOD

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Please consider the following:

**Amendments to the Specification;**

**Remarks.**